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NCITLB Statute Changes 2023 – Notice to Provisional Licensees

Recently, the North Carolina General Assembly revised two of the Board's statutes found in Chapter 90D of the North Carolina General Statutes. These revisions specifically change the requirements to obtain an initial provisional license and a full license. These revisions also apply to current provisional licensees who will renew their license in 2024 (and thereafter).

Below are the newly revised statutes (revisions effective December 1, 2023) and some commentary below them.

The reader is cautioned to read the statutes in full and rely upon them over any commentary contained herein.

The statutory revisions are as follows

§ 90D-7. Requirements for licensure.

(a) Upon application to the Board and the payment of the required fees, an applicant may be licensed as an interpreter or transliterator if the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is 18 years of age or older.
- (2) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (3) Meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. Is nationally certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., (RID).(RID), or another nationally recognized body that issues certificates or assessments for interpreting approved by the Board by rule.
 - b. Holds a valid Testing, Evaluation and Certification Unit, Inc., (TECUnit) national certification in cued language transliteration. Page 38 Session Law 2023-137 House Bill 600
 - c. Holds a current Cued Language Transliterator State Level Assessment (CLTSLA) level 3 or above classification.

§ 90D-8. Provisional license.

(a) Upon application to the Board and the payment of the required fees, an applicant may be issued a one-time provisional license as an interpreter or transliterator if the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is at least 18 years of age.
- (2) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.
- (3) Completes two continuing education units approved by the Board. These units must be completed for each renewable year.
- (4) Holds at least a two-year associate degree in interpreting from an accredited institution and satisfies one of the following:
 - a. Holds a quality assurance North Carolina Interpreter Classification System (NCICS) level C classification.

- b. Holds a valid National Association of the Deaf (NAD) level 2 or 3 certification.
- c. Holds a current Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) level 3.5 or above classification.
- d. Repealed by Session Laws 2005-299, s. 2, effective August 22, 2005.
- e. Holds any other certificate or assessment issued by a nationally recognized body approved by the Board by rule.

(a1) Upon application to the Board, payment of the required fees, and meeting the requirements for a provisional license under subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the Board may also issue a provisional license to any of the following categories of persons seeking a provisional license:

- (1) A deaf interpreter who completes 16 hours of training in interpreting coursework or workshops, including role and function or ethics, and 20 hours in the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application in the provision of interpreting services.
- (2) An oral interpreter who completes a total of 40 hours of training in interpreting coursework or workshops related to oral interpreting.
- (3) A cued language transliterator who holds a current TECUnit Cued Language Transliterator State Level Assessment (CLTSLA) level 2 or above classification.
- (4) A person providing interpreting or transliterating services who has a recognized credential from another state in the field of interpreting or transliterating.
- (5) An interpreter or transliterator who has accumulated 200 hours per year in the provision of interpreting or transliterating services, in this State or another state, totaling 400 hours for the two years immediately preceding the date of application. An applicant must provide documentation of hours when applying for a provisional license under this category, subject to verification by the Board.

SECTION 45.(c) The North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board shall adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of this act. Any temporary rules adopted in accordance with this section shall remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become effective.

SECTION 45.(d) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to licenses and provisional licenses issued or renewed by the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board after that date. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

Licensees these changes affect?

The statute will affect **any** provisional licensee who qualified for a license solely with a two-year interpreting degree. Those current provisional licensees will need to meet the new requirements listed above in 90D-8(a)(4) by the time they attempt to renew their provisional license **on or before September 30, 2024**.

Additional options to qualify for a license

As referenced in Section 45.(c) above, the Board is tasked with adopting rules to determine additional options for obtaining a license as listed in 90D-7(a)(3)(a) and 90 D-8(a)(4)(e). The Board is currently working on the temporary rules regarding these additional options (i.e., pathways to licensure).

Questions?

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